

followed by Senators Wesely and Vard Johnson.

SENATOR ABBODD: Mr. President and colleagues, as a long time supporter of LB 775, I have always felt that this was a fair bill. It was a bill that provided jobs for Nebraskans. It was a bill that would not cost the State of Nebraska one cent unless new jobs were created, and I felt that as a fiscal conservative, I could always support it because of that. If no jobs are created, no tax money is used. Now we have discussed LB 775 for hours. We have spent days on LB 775, and it seems to me that the most appropriate thing at this time to do would be to suspend the rules and get on with the vote. I did not support Senator Schmit's amendment when it came up before for the simple reason that suspending the rules is a procedure which I rarely, if ever, like to see done. I only feel that a suspension of the rules is needed when we have spent a great deal of time discussing a bill and, in my opinion, that further debate or further amendments do nothing but harass the bill and do nothing to further debate on the floor of the Legislature. So, it is a rare instance where I will vote to suspend the rules and get on with the vote, but I think we have all been aware of the amendments that have been offered in the past have not, in my opinion, always been in the best of faith. They have been an attempt to damage the bill, not in any way help the bill. But sometimes, I mean if you don't believe in a bill, and you can make improvements on it, then I think the body is more than happy to entertain those amendments and listen to them and possibly even support them, but the amendments that are on the desk at this time that we are going to be considering on LB 775 do nothing, in my opinion, to help the bill and, in my opinion, they don't even...they just make a mockery of the system because there is nothing of any substance that are a part of those amendments. I would urge the body to support the suspension motion. Let's get a vote on LB 775. Let's get the bill passed today, over to the Governor, and then we can take up other more important bills. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, I would oppose taking up LB 775 today and oppose the Lamb and the Rupp amendment. I look at the agenda and I see a list of bills involving a number of subjects that need attention. Now I don't know how many of these have amendments pending but there are a lot of them that have amendments. Today and tomorrow are the last two days we can act on legislation. Thursday and Friday we